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INTEREST

LONDON FOR AMB/EX, SOFIA FOR AMBASSADOR

1. NEW YORK YIMES QUOTED CARTER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS  
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AS SAYING THAT SOVIET UNION HAD OBJECTED TO SO-CALLED  
"MULTIPLE AIM POINT" (MAP) BASING SYSTEM IN WHICH HUNDREDS  
OF MISSILES WOULD BE SHIFTED RANDOMLY AMONG THOUSANDS OF  
LAUNCHING SILOS TO COMPLICATE ANY SOVIET ATTEMPT TO DES-  
TROY AMERICAN LAND-BASED MISSILES IN FIRST STRIKE. THESE  
OFFICIALS SAID SOVIET OBJECTION HAD INJECTED NEW COMPLICA-  
TION INTO ADMINISTRATION'S SEARCH FOR SALT AGREEMENT THIS

YEAR, TIMES REPORTED. ACCORDING TO THESE OFFICIALS, TIMES ADDED, SOVIET ARMS NEGOTIATOR VLADIMIR SEMYONOV HAD INFORMED U.S. NEGOTIATOR PAUL WARNKE THAT BASING SYSTEM MIGHT NOT BE COMPATIBLE WITH TERMS OF NEW SALT TREATY. SEMYONOV DID NOT RULE OUT U.S. DEPLOYMENT OF MOBILE MISSILE SYSTEM UNDER NEW TREATY, TIMES SAID, BUT HE DID INDICATE THAT MOSCOW WOULD RESIST SOME APPROACHES ADMINISTRATION IS EXAMINING. TIMES SAID VANCE DID NOT REFER SPECIFICALLY TO MOBILE MISSILE IDEA IN HIS MEETING WITH GROMYKO, BUT IT WAS MORE FULLY DISCUSSED IN SEMYONOV-WARNKE SESSION.

U.S. OFFICIALS, TIMES REPORTED, SAID SEMYONOV'S PRIMARY CONCERN WAS DIFFICULTY SOVIETS WOULD HAVE COUNTING U.S. MISSILES. "SOVIET REACTION HAS CAUSED CONSTERNATION AMONG PENTAGON OFFICIALS, WHO FEAR THAT MOSCOW IS COMMITTED TO BANNING MOBILE MISSILES," TIMES POINTED OUT. "HOWEVER, OTHER OFFICIALS SAID THEY WERE LESS ALARMED AND WERE OPTIMISTIC THAT MOSCOW WOULD ACCEPT SOME TYPE OF MOBILE MISSILE DEPLOYMENT." TIMES NOTED THAT PROPOSED SALT TWO TREATY RESTRICTS CONSTRUCTION OF NEW MISSILE SILOS, "WHICH HAS LED TO CONCERN BY SOME OFFICIALS THAT SHELL-GAME IDEA MIGHT BE PROHIBITED. THEY HAVE MAINTAINED THAT RATHER THAN RESTRICT NUMBER OF SILOS, TREATY SHOULD LIMIT CANNISTERS THAT WOULD BE USED TO CARRY ROCKETS FROM SILO TO SILO. UNDER SUCH AN ARRANGEMENT, OFFICIALS CON- TEND, U.S. COULD BUILD NEW UNDERGROUND LAUNCHERS, AND UNCLASSIFIED

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METHODS COULD BE WORKED OUT FOR MOSCOW TO VERIFY THAT CANNISTERS CARRYING AMERICAN MISSILES DID NOT EXCEED PERMITTED NUMBER. HOWEVER, SEMYONOV IS SAID TO HAVE BEEN SKEPTICAL ABOUT COUNTING CANNISTERS INSTEAD OF SILOS. DESPITE THIS, OFFICIALS MAINTAINED THAT CHANCES OF ACHIEVING AN ARMS AGREEMENT THIS YEAR REMAINED GOOD.

2. GEORGE WILSON OF WASHINGTON POST SAID WEAPONS SPECIALIST WHO PARTICIPATED IN SECRET STUDY OF "MAP" BASING CONCEPT WARNS THAT IT IS NOTHING SHORT OF "MADNESS" DOMINIC PAOLUCCI, RETIRED NAVY CAPTAIN WHO SERVED ON STRAT X TEAM THAT ASSESSED U.S. STRATEGIC OPTIONS IN 1960S, SAID "MAP" DEPLOYMENT WOULD FORCE SOVIETS TO TARGET EVEN MORE OF THEIR NUCLEAR WEAPONS ON U.S. LAND MASS. U.S. PLANNERS SHOULD WORK ON NUCLEAR OFFENSE THAT WOULD DRAW SOVIET FIRE AWAY FROM LAND, NOT TOWARD IT, PAOLUCCI SAID. WILSON SAID "HIS ARGUMENT REPRESENTS FRESH CHALLENGE TO MISSILE DEPLOYMENT SCHEME GAINING MOMENTUM WITHIN GOVERNMENT AS CARTER ADMINISTRATION OFFICIALS LOOK FOR WAYS TO ASSURE SENATE AND PUBLIC THAT SIGNING NEW ARMS CONTROL AGREEMENT WITH RUSSIANS IS AN ACCEPTABLE RISK." AIR FORCE CHIEF OF STAFF LEW ALLEN SAID LAST WEEK THAT ONE

ATTRACTIVE RESPONSE TO THOUSANDS OF WARHEADS SOVIETS ARE PUTTING ON THEIR MISSILES WOULD BE TO DEPLOY "GREAT SPONGE" OF TARGETS IN U.S. "TO ABSORB" SOVIET WARHEADS, MAKING SURPRISE ATTACK LOOK FUTILE TO KREMLIN. PAOLUCCI ASSER-ED THAT "IT IS MADNESS TO USE U.S. REAL ESTATE AS 'GREAT SPONGE TO ABSORB' SOVIET NUCLEAR WEAPONS."

3. IN ANOTHER POST ARTICLE, WILSON SAID ACDA REPORTED YESTERDAY THAT NATIONS OF WORLD SPENT MORE THAN 750,000 DOLLARS A MINUTE FOR MILITARY PURPOSES IN 1976. 400 BILLION DOLLAR TOTAL, ACDA SAID IN ITS 168-PAGE REPORT, WAS TWO AND ONE-HALF TIMES AMOUNT WORLD SPENT ON PUBLIC

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EXPENDITURES AND ARMS TRANSFERS 1967-1976." WARNKE SAID REPORT WAS PREPARED TO "STIMULATE INFORMED ATTENTION" ON GROWING ARMS TRADE AND TO DRAW ATTENTION "TO OPPORTUNITIES FOR ARMS CONTROL," WILSON POINTED OUT.

4. HENRY TREWHITT OF BALTIMORE SUN SAID ADMINISTRATION'S NEW TIMETABLE FOR SALT AGREEMENT WOULD KEEP ISSUE FROM CONGRESS BEFORE NOVEMBER ELECTIONS BUT PERMIT SUMMIT MEETING SOON AFTERWARD. "WE'LL TRY TO AVOID FORCING DEMOCRATIC CANDIDATES TO CONTEND WITH IT," TREWHITT QUOTED AN INFORMED OFFICIAL AS SAYING WITH CALCULATED IRONY. TREWHITT SAID LATEST APPRAISALS REFLECT MODERATE OPTIMISM ABOUT COMPLETION OF NEW TREATY BY END OF YEAR DESPITE CURRENT TENSION IN SOVIET-AMERICAN RELATIONS. "THEY ALSO IMPLY MEASURE OF PERHAPS TACIT COOPERATION BETWEEN TWO GOVERNMENTS ON QUESTIONS OF TIMING." TREWHITT SAID BOTH GOVERNMENTS HAVE SPECIFIED THAT CRITICAL POINTS WILL BE DEBATED ONLY AT HIGH LEVELS -- THAT MEANS VANCE AND GROMYKO. LOWER-LEVEL DELEGATIONS CONTINUE TO TALK, TREWHITT POINTED OUT, BUT VANCE AND GROMYKO DID NOT SCHEDULE THEIR NEXT MEETING UNTIL LATE SEPTEMBER OR EARLY OCTOBER AT U.N. THUS NO EARLIER BREAKTHROUGH IS POSSIBL TREWHITT EXPLAINED. "NOR IS ONE LIKELY AT THAT NEXT MEETING. BUT AN OFFICIAL FAMILIAR WITH NEGOTIATIONS SAYS PIECES COULD FALL TOGETHER QUICKLY AFTER THAT 'IF GENERAL CLIMATE IMPROVES AND IF BOTH SIDES RETAIN POLITICAL WILL.'" VANCE

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